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SUBJECT: SWARAN SINGH ON MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON  
NAVAL POWER LIMITATION IN INDIAN OCEAN

REF: NEW DELHI 3435

1. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MARCH 12 PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION  
OF THE KITTY HAWK'S ENTRY INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN (REFTEL)  
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CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING COMMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER:

"OUR STAND HAS BEEN CLEAR AND CONSISTENT. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PRESENCE OF ANY FOREIGN NAVAL VESSEL OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY BASES IN THIS REGION. HAVING SAID ALL THAT, WE WOULD STRONGLY FAVOR A DISCUSSION NOT ONLY AMONGST LITTORAL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, BUT, IN THIS DISCUSSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVOLVE THE BIG NAVAL POWERS ALSO SO THAT SOME AGREEMENT COULD BE ARRIVED AT AND THERE COULD BE MUTUAL RESTRAINT."

2. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO PRIVATE QUERY BY HINDU CORRESPONDENT G.K. REDDY THIS MORNING, SWARAN SINGH TOLD REDDY HE HAD CAREFULLY NOT REPT NOT REFERRED TO A "CONFERENCE" OF LITTORAL STATES WITH THE "BIG POWERS". INDIA DIDN'T WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT IN PROPOSING ANY SUCH MEETING. THAT WAS THE KIND OF THING SRI LANKA MIGHT WANT TO PUSH BUT NOT INDIA. ALL HE (THE FONMIN) HAD SUGGESTED WERE "DISCUSSIONS" WHICH INDIA INTENDED WOULD BE BILATERAL. WE WONDER IF AMBASSADOR KAUL WILL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT SWARAN SINGH'S MEANING'  
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